

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3608

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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FOR NEA/ARP

PASS US CUSTOMS

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y - T E X T

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, EFIN, XF, QA

SUBJECT: GOQ REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SPECIAL TONNAGE TAXES

REF: (A) DOHA 441 (B) DOHA 448 (C) STATE 86604 (D) STATE 093773

(E) KUWAIT 2508

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SECOND FORMAL REQUEST FROM GOQ MFA  
FOR EXEMPTION FROM SPECIAL TONNAGE TAXES. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF  
NOTE:

QTE STATE OF QATAR

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DATE: APRIL 29, 1978

NUMBER WK/9/56FD6164

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (ECONOMIC/ADMINISTRATIVE) OF  
THE STATE OF QATAR PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF  
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN DOHA WITH REFERENCE TO THE  
MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. WK/9/56/35576 DATED APRIL 3, 1978, RELATING  
TO THE MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE TO BE APPLIED TO QATARI SHIPS  
CALLING ON PORTS I S THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF QATARI SHIPS FROM PORT DUTIES. THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM IN ADDITION TO  
WHAT WAS STATED IN OUR PREVIOUS NOTE THAT THE STATE OF QATAR

LEVIES NO DISCRIMINATING DUTIES OF TONNAGE OR IMPOSTS AGAINST VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING IN QATARI PORTS OR UPON THE PRODUCE, MANUFACTURERS, OR MERCHANDISE IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OR ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY INTO QATAR IN VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IN FACT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR HAS NOT IMPOSED ANY SUCH DISCRIMINATORY DUTIES OR TAXES FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

QTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE

2. COMMENT: FEEL THIS NOTE CONTAINS STANDARD LANGUAGE REQUIRED BY CUSTOMS SERVICE AS OUTLINED IN REFS (C) AND (D). AS NOTED IN REF (E), QATARI VESSEL HALUL HAS MADE SEVEN CALLS IN U.S. PORTS.  
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